

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Takeshi (nmi) Hoshida, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/853,323  
Filing Date: May 10, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2633  
Confirmation No.: 5870  
Examiner: Agustin Bello  
Title: Method and System for Transmitting Information in an  
Optical Communication System Using Distributed  
Amplification

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**Response Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks.